Affidavit of Meir Margulis

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

CONGREGATION RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF TARTIKOV, INC., RABBI MORDECHAI BABAD, RABBI WOLF BRIEF, RABBI HERMEN KAHANA, RABBI MEIR MARGULIS, RABBI GERGELY NEUMAN, RABBI MEILECH MENCZER, RABBI JACOB HERSHKOWITZ, RABBICHAIM ROSENBERG, RABBI DAVID A. MENCZER, AFFIDAVIT IN RABBI ARYEH ROYDE, and KOLEL BELZ OF MONSEY,

07 Civ. 6304 (KMK)(GAY)

OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO DISMISS

Plaintiffs,

-against-

VILLAGE OF POMONA, NY; BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POMONA, NY; NICHOLAS SANDERSON, AS MAYOR; IAN BANKS, ALMA SANDERS ROMAN, RITA LOUIE and BRETT YAGEL, AS TRUSTEES AND IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITIES.

	Defendants.	v
STATE OF NEW YORK)		
COUNTY OF ROCKLAND)		

Meir Margulis affirms the following under penalty of perjury:

- I am a plaintiff in this action. I reside in Spring Valley, New York, with my wife and 4 children, and am 26 years old.
- 2. I am currently engaged in rabbinical studies at Mechon L'Hoyroa in Monsey, New York.
- 3. My goal is to become a rabbinical judge fully trained in all four books of the Shulchan Aruch.
- 4. Mechon L'Hoyroa offers a fifteen-year program to become a rabbinical judge. There are currently approximately twenty students studying in the program

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at various levels. The program, however, is full and is not accepting new students. I have not been accepted into its 15-year program.

- 5. Rabbi Mordechai Babad will provide a rare opportunity to learn with the guidance of vision of an experienced rabbinical judge and allow me to learn in the proper environment.
- 6. I have been approved for admission by the Congregation Rabbinical College of Tartikov ("Rabbinical College"). I will be admitted into the first class when the College opens its campus in Pomona. If the Rabbinical College does not open, there is no place for me to receive this training to become a rabbinical judge.
- 7. The Rabbinical College's program also includes the long-term financial support needed to create the Torah community of scholars and their families, including a stipend and housing. This program will allow me to live at the property so that I can study at various times of the day and night and interact with other rabbinical students on a continuing basis.
- 8. Without this opportunity from the Rabbinical College along with the Torah community of families and long-term financial support and housing, I cannot accomplish my religious goal.
- 9. I know of no program, other than the Rabbinical College's, available for me to become a rabbinical judge.
 - 10. I affirm this affidavit pursuant to my religious beliefs.

Affirmed before me on this <u>/o</u> day of January, 2008

Notary Public

MOSHE E. MALIK
Notary Public, State of New York
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Qualified in Rockland County
Commission Expires Feb. 12, 20 / °